

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A document image management system for managing a plurality of stored documents, said system comprising:
  - 5 a central database storing said plurality of stored documents therein; and
  - a user display device for displaying thereon at least one of said stored documents, said central database forwarding said at least one document to said user display device pursuant to a given user query, said at least one document containing a plurality of images, a first of said images being a full image and
  - 10 the remainder of said plurality of images being thumbnail images, whereby when a user of said user display device selects a given thumbnail image from said remaining plurality of images, the central database forwards the full image corresponding to said given thumbnail image.
- 15 2. A method for transmitting a plurality of images within a document, said method comprising the steps of:
  - selecting, by a user of a display device, said document stored within a central database; and
  - transmitting, by said central database to said display device, said

plurality of images corresponding to said document, a first of said images being  
a full image and the remainder of said plurality of images corresponding to said  
document being thumbnail images, whereby when said user of said display  
device selects a given thumbnail image from said remaining plurality of  
5 images, the central database forwards the full image corresponding to said  
given thumbnail image.

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